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COUNTRY	East Germany	REPORT NO.	
TOPIC	Mahlwinkel Airfield		25X1A
EVALUATION	see below	PLACE OBTAINED	
DATE OF CONTENT			25X1A
DATE OBTAINED		E PREPARED	6 October 1953
REFERENCES			
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SOURCE

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- ☐ 1. In July 1953, source learned from a Soviet that the air force construction unit had left Mahlwinkel airfield in about mid-June 1953.

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- ☐ 2. On 24 July, Mahlwinkel airfield was not occupied and no sentries were observed there. The landing field was covered with grass about 20 cm high. An area at the northern edge of the field had been mowed. The trees had been cleared from the western edge of the field to as far as about 600 meters from the perimeter of Mahlwinkel. The tree trunks were cut in pieces and piled up while the branches were scattered about. A sign with the following inscription in English and French was observed at kilometer marker 3.7 on the Mahlwinkel-Cobbel road: "Passage for members of military missions and foreigners prohibited."

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- ☐ 3. No occupation was observed at the field on 29 July.
- ☐ 4. On 10 August, the pine woods along the western edge of the field were cut in an estimated dimension of 1.5 hectares. The trunks had not yet been removed. The grass on the field was 10 to 15 cm high.
- ☐ 5. Prior to 10 September, the airfield was unoccupied and lightly guarded by two civilians. Source learned that the grass on the landing field was to be mowed by 23 August. From this it was inferred that the airfield would be occupied by that date. However, no occupation occurred. The timber in the cleared area along the western edge of the field had not been removed by 10 September.

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☐ Comment. Clearing work along the west-northwestern edge of Mahlwinkel airfield was confirmed. This work possibly was conducted in order to improve the flying lane. It can be assumed that the airfield will be used during coming maneuvers this year. For location, see Map GSGS 4414, sheet No 3636/37.

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